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Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Julio **Lamarthée** (Uruguay)

1. At its 48th meeting, on 23 May 2000, the Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: China, Guatemala, Indonesia, Malta, Nigeria, Portugal, Slovakia, South Africa and Uruguay.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 25 May 2000.

3. Mr. Julio Lamarthée (Uruguay) was elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 24 May 2000, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, as orally amended during the meeting, formal credentials by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 55 States participating in the Tenth Meeting of States Parties: Australia, Bahrain, Belize, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Suriname, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, the formal credentials issued by the President of the European Commission had also been submitted for the representatives of the European Community.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, as orally amended during the meeting, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Tenth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities by

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the following 30 States participating in the Tenth Meeting of States Parties: Algeria, Argentina, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cape Verde, Cuba, Djibouti, France, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Malta, Nigeria, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, Togo, Tunisia, Ukraine, and Uruguay.

8. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 3 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee,*
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 24 May 2000, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

9. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

> "*Credentials of representatives to the Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*
>
> "*The Tenth Meeting of States to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*
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> "*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Tenth Meeting of States Parties.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Tenth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

> "*Credentials of representatives of the Tenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*
>
> "*The Tenth Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*
>
> "*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."